

## THE GENIUS OF JUDAISM

Address of Daniel E. Bandmann at the  
Atonement Services in Missoula.

### ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FAITH

A Grand and Progressive Race  
That Will Live as Long as  
Liberty and Enlighten-  
ment Reign.

Special to the Standard.

MISSOULA, Oct. 17.—The address delivered by Daniel E. Bandmann at the Jewish atonement services was the subject of much favorable comment. It is given in full below:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Pardon my inability to address you as coreligionists, not because I should not like to do so, but because I am not entitled to the privilege. A man, who on such an occasion as this is called upon to deliver a lecture to a community offering up their devotion to the Almighty, should at least be sincere in his discourse, and it would be insincere were I to represent myself as a religious man of any creed. I have held myself free from sectarianism in any form or shape and believe that the time is not far off when the entire human race will be united into one fraternity of brothers and sisters to whom the denomination of Jew, Christian or Mohammedan will be alien. I may say, however, that I respect religious worship in whatever shape or guise I find it, as long as it is sincere, although I may say of myself with Schiller, "Ich habe keine Religion aus Religion." Born and bred a Jew, I shall die in the faith in which my mother bore me, for I cannot perceive the possibility of any truthful man turning an apostate. Once a Jew, always a Jew. If a man is so constituted that he must be a searcher, then the Jewish religion is quite as enlightening and tolerant as any other originates from. I may say, far more so, for it has shed greater light upon the civilized world than the Koran, the Zendavesta, the Vedas, or the Book of Confucius. No dietation has ever dawned upon the world from its beginning so forcibly as the ten commandments of Moses. They have held society for thousands of years together and have been the fundamental groundwork for all religious, legal or social laws. A man only needs to follow them and he needs no other religion. If he has lived up to them he can meet his Creator without flinching. Such is the case with me and many thousands of others—true devotion is a sacred and sublime ideal and strengthens the soul both of the weak and strong, gives consolation to the sick and ministers to the mind diseased; but to my view, a more sublime worship is charity to our fellow men—charity to all, without distinction whether Jew or Christian. That is the noblest and sublimest religion, that I should like to see the human race arrive at. Decades will elapse and pass away before it will arrive at such a perfection, I fear, and until it does we must individually do the best we can.

You have assembled here, a handful of people, to celebrate in prayers and worship the holiest of your holidays, Yom Kippur, and send your offerings to the Almighty in a devout, noble manner. You have done me the honor to invite me to say a few words on so solemn and holy an occasion of the Jew, his religion and his association with his fellow men. I highly appreciate the great confidence placed in me and enter into it with nervous hesitation. Great credit is due to you and to the ladies who have assisted you to bring about this assembly. Here upon the Rockies 4,000 feet above the level of the sea, is a little stirring town. A few men have formed a combination against all sorts of odds and difficulties to show their Christian brethren that they are able to worship and respect their religion and their God. But not only this fact alone. You also prove to the outside civilized world of what stuff Montana men are made, and that civilization on its luminous wings has soared thousands of miles and settled wherever men of enterprise and hearts—in the far Northwest.

The Jew is very little understood in general life. Few know his calling, and still fewer his heart. Why this should be is hard to understand, unless it is from a hereditary prejudice handed down from one generation to the other. Here in America this feeling is less prevalent than in the rest of the world, yet there are many who cannot associate noble and lofty principles with a Jewish race. And yet these very men prefer to have read history and are perhaps, being acquainted with Jews without being cognizant of that fact. They are so blinded to their own prejudices that the large beam in their own eyes is observable to everybody except themselves. From the earliest days of the historian Josephus to the present modern period, is there a branch in learning, art, trade or commerce in which the Jew has not excelled. In philosophy he has produced men like Josephus, Spinoza, Strauss, Mendelssohn and others. Josephus was a great historian of early ages, and Spinoza lived in the middle centuries, one of the noblest, wisest, sublimest natures history can boast of. He lived a pure and most unselfish life and he was so loyal to his learning that he even sacrificed his wealth to charity because it bothered him in his devotion. Mendelssohn, who lived in the 18th century, enriched the universities of Europe with his profound logic, and is still considered one of the greatest lights Germany produced. He was the bosom friend of Lessing, and true to his religion till death. Strauss, the free thinker, whose modern tolerant logic led the present German mind for half a century, is only died a few years ago, but he left a great heirloom of wisdom behind. Hundreds could be mentioned had I the time and you the patience to listen. But what about Heine, Jules Simon and Disraeli. In poetry, in journalism and statesmanship, I will only dwell upon the latter as one of the most marvellous facts how history renews itself upon the very nation who for centuries oppressed the Jews and then elevated one of their tribes as their very leader and mentor. Born of Jewish parents and educated up to his 12th year a Jew, Benjamin Disraeli was, in thoughts, actions and appearance, every inch a Jew. Despaired at first, then feared, then idolized, he endeavored himself so thoroughly with the English nation that up to this day they celebrate his birthday, which they call Primrose day, as if he had been of royal blood and

worship his memory equal to that of a George Washington of America. Now, these are a few of the great thinkers Judaism has produced. What about the volumes of celebrities in art, music and painting? Every day the sweet strains of a Bach, a Haydn, a Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and a Meyerbeer are sung in all places of Christian worship. When their great compositions saw the light of day, they were produced in all the royal opera houses in Europe, and here comes the strange anomaly of contradiction. In these same Jewish works of art which were produced before these august and lofty potentates and delighted a populace of millions of people, up to 1848 no Jewish artist was allowed to participate except he had embraced first the Christian faith. Such was the force of the stupid prejudice which up to that time still hung upon the rusty heels of European darkness, until enlightenment like a thunderbolt struck through the barrier of bigotry and prejudice. We in America, enjoying the blessings of a free and glorious constitution, where man is free though he were born with shackles on his wrists, cannot fathom the miseries of our forefathers, who at every gust of wind had to fear an enemy. The fortitude with which these men had spent their lives and the misery they encountered is of such a gigantic nature that they will ever be remembered in enlightened history as a heroic, suffering race.

The outcry against the Jew is that he is cunning, sharp and suspicious. Was he not made so by his contemporaries? Who persecuted him made for centuries his life a torment? Let us go back into the dark ages, where the Jew was driven from one corner of Europe into another like a fearful flock of black sheep, at the point of the inquisition's bayonets, with food or shelter, finding but rarely a passing asylum with some tender-hearted monarch whose soul soared above his time. What was their offense? Their loyalty to their faith—preferring privation, starvation, torture and even death, to compulsory conversion. And for this they had to suffer for centuries every imaginable tantalation. They were not allowed to possess home or country, neither to enjoy any legal or social rights. They were exiled to certain quarters of a town, and like a gang of convicts, had to live and spend their lives together. The only means of livelihood which was left open to them was what in those days was considered low and degrading—trade and learning. The Jew, naturally ambitious, improved his advantages, threw himself into it heart and soul and soon became rich and many learned.

Wealth, no matter how deeply despised in those days and set aside for martial honors, was nevertheless a great power. Hence, the Jew became the object of their fear and hatred. They drove him into power and hated him for doing so. His wealth was an eyecore to his oppressors, so the Jew became a target for the malcontent and envious populace, which was let loose upon him whenever a dishonorable, cowardly, weak monarch desired to divert their minds from a tottering, rotten throne. The foulest of calumnies, the most loathsome slanders, the blackest and most infamous lies were circulated to influence and inflame a base rabble who robbed, pillaged and massacred men, women and children from time to time; and the priesthood in the hope of exterminating Judaism was not free from stimulating their henchmen. Century after century passed away before the Jew's condition was ameliorated, when Napoleon the I, like a meteor, struck the world and raised the Jew to a proper station in his realm, and England followed him and gave concessions which opened the eyes of the rest of Europe with awe and wonder. But the final work was done through America's great constitution which levels all ranks and lays the shepherd's hook beside the scepter.

Yes, it is not astonishing that the Jew through centuries of suffering and persecutions has gone triumphant and spread himself all over the world from East to West, South to North, from the north pole to the south pole, the most secure, intelligent and powerful of all races? Is it not a proof that he cannot be crushed, that, although from time to time in this civilized age a dark, tyrannical potentate may go back to the middle ages and repeat the infamous work of those days, these are but passing events of a day, an hour, upon which future history will smile with pitious contempt? What 20 centuries have been unable to effect, no car of Russia will accomplish. The Jew as a grand and progressive race will live as long as humanity goes hand in hand with liberty and enlightenment, and he will be one of the first in time to come towards holding out his hand to one brotherhood of universal peace.

And now I thank you for your patient attention. I yielded to you, in station not out of conceit or pride, but because I thought that if I could give you pleasure in your long hours of atonement it would be my duty to do so. I am but one of you in this aspiring little town wherein we all have cast our lots and, whether Jew or Christian, we are all here alike a fraternity of freeborn, honest citizens, whose hearts beat equally warm for one another no matter what creed or branch we worship in. Years will roll by, histories will have been written, towns will rise and fall, and the few Jews who are organized on the top of the Rockies to form a congregation will be spoken of by your children's children, when this little town will be a large and prosperous metropolis. Till then I sincerely hope and pray that the Almighty who looks equally upon us all, Jew or Christian, will protect and guard you and extend that blessing which you so devoutly solicit. Amen.

Why the Walts Did Not Suit Him.

The two little fellows had stopped in front of a barber shop, and were playing a slow waltz. The proprietor of the shop had the chair nearest the door, and it seemed to trouble him. Every now and then he would find his head and hand moving in time to the music. Finally he called out to the boy in the lack of the shop:

"Send 'em away! Send 'em away!"

But the kind-hearted customer in the next chair interceded for them:

"Poor things!" he said. "They play well."

Then it was that the man in the head barber's chair rose up with his face all covered with lather and gazed at the kind-hearted customer.

"Let 'em go!" he exclaimed.

"O, no," protested the kind-hearted customer.

"Well, then, let 'em play a jig or an Irish reel. I want a quick shave."

There is a fine of \$500 for practicing hypnotism in Cincinnati.

### HOW THEY DO IT NOW.

A Penobscot Man's Experiences With  
Gentle Green-Goods Dealers,  
Bangor correspondence Lewiston, Me., Journal.

This man had taken \$400, and with it had gone to New York, where he hoped to buy for \$250 \$4,000 in bills, which were to appear as well as the genuine, and, in fact, were alleged to be printed from Uncle Sam's plates. He was fleeing to the queen's taste, as he puts it, but he allowed the story to be told on promise that his name should be kept secret.

As he tells the story, he arrived in New York via a morning train from Albany, reaching the Grand Central about noon. With his new staff hat set firmly upon his head, with about \$300 in his pocket, and the hotel card closely grasped in his hand, he took a Third Avenue elevated train and rode down the island and finally appeared at the hotel office, where he secured a room for the night. A revolver in his pocket, but this he had brought along, thinking it would be a handy thing to have when traveling homeward with \$4,000 on his person.

He did not have long to wait. He had given his right name all the while, and it also appeared upon the hotel register. The same name has appeared before the word "selectman" in his native town. Soon there came a gentle tap at the door, and he answered it.

"Is this Mr. Blank?" said the newcomer.

"Why do you ask?" answered the cautious man from Maine.

"That's all right. You have come on business. I am A. B. Who are you?"

"I am A. B. too," said the sharp man from Maine. "Come in."

There entered a dapper, business-like man having a pleasant face, from the sides of which grew long, luxuriant mustaches; he was about five feet five inches tall and did not weigh over 100 pounds. He looked as inoffensive as a school girl, and had there been any suspicion of fraud or violence to come in the breast of the great double-fisted fellow from the Pine Tree state, they would have been dispelled at the sight of the little man. There was no ruse on his part to get down to business. In fact, the newcomer said he was well nigh tired out, and he called and ordered a whiskey. The Maine man, who had been told he was not allowed to settle, was offered to do so. Finally he was told the hotel was used only as a place in which to meet; that there were other customers at the office ahead of him, and so one hour was passed in waiting for the Maine man to be called to the office. He went to the office, and along West street to Cortland street, to Broadway, and down Ann street, because he remembers a ferry at the foot of the street where he was to go. He was under an elevated road, turned to the left at Broadway, and went down a street past the New York Herald office. The Penobscot man was not wholly unacquainted with cities, having done a little work in the city of Boston with cattle and to Boston with dressed meat and poultry. He was keeping his eyes open this time.

An old building upon a corner was entered and two flights of steps taken. During the walk into the building, he gave his companion to understand he was ready to take \$400 worth of goods if like the sample, and he endeavored to impress upon the seller the fact that he was not to be taken in and done for. The Maine man, who had been told he was not allowed to settle, was offered to do so. Finally he was told the hotel was used only as a place in which to meet; that there were other customers at the office ahead of him, and so one hour was passed in waiting for the Maine man to be called to the office. He went to the office, and along West street to Cortland street, to Broadway, and down Ann street, because he remembers a ferry at the foot of the street where he was to go. He was under an elevated road, turned to the left at Broadway, and went down a street past the New York Herald office. The Penobscot man was not wholly unacquainted with cities, having done a little work in the city of Boston with cattle and to Boston with dressed meat and poultry. He was keeping his eyes open this time.

The New Yorker was pleased to hear that, and had no doubt that the acquaintance so auspiciously begun would be the more firmly cemented in the future, and lots of other stuff like that did he inject into the conversation.

A man who came and entered. It was a fairly well furnished, and at one corner of it was a closet. At a desk sat a pale young man, seemingly weaker than the guide who had come from the hotel. There were some books and papers scattered about the desk, and the sickly young man was tearing up pieces of one or two dollar bills. He did not work fast. Some of those bills were shown the newcomer and then the party got down to business. The Maine man thought he had better take a look at the goods in the future, and at one corner of it was a closet. At a desk sat a pale young man, seemingly weaker than the guide who had come from the hotel. There were some books and papers scattered about the desk, and the sickly young man was tearing up pieces of one or two dollar bills. He did not work fast. Some of those bills were shown the newcomer and then the party got down to business. The Maine man thought he had better take a look at the goods in the future, and at one corner of it was a closet. 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